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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In. re. Application of

Atty. Docket: US010080

Antonio Colmenarez et. al.

Confirmation No. 8881

Serial No. 09/822,121

Group Art Unit: 2643

Filed: March 30, 2001

Examiner: Wing F. Chan

Title: Method And Apparatus For Audio/Image Speaker Detection And Locator

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 04/08/2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper
Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper

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More specifically with regard to claims 9 and 25, this combination of citations does not suggest combining "a stationary image pickup device, remaining motionless during operation" with "the determination of direction depending at least at times on the image signals" as in claims 1 on which claims 9 and 25 depend.

Again, in order to make a prima facie showing of obviousness, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. There is nothing in the office action indicating any suggestion or motivation in either of the combined citations or any other citations for combining "a stationary image pickup device, remaining motionless during operation" with "the determination of direction depending at least at times on the image signals".

The claims are definite and distinguished from the citations and Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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